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SIR:

I, Masahiko HIROSE, hereby declare that I reside at 203-11, Ryousenji, Ritto-cho, Kurita-gun, Shiga, Japan, and I am a citizen and resident of Japan, and hereby further declare as follows:

I was born July 5, 1960, and graduated from Kyoto University, department of polymer chemistry, in March 1984. I then joined Nitto Denko Corporation, and have been engaged in the development of the reverse osmosis membrane to the present. I am the named inventor for the above application.

The following describes experiments that were carried out under my supervision.

Object of the experiment

The object of the experiments is to demonstrate the superiority of the present invention over the cited references, USP 5,178,766 and USP 6,171,497.